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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of studies undertaken by various agencies for ecological restoration of Rivalsar Lake and field testing laboratory and sanitation survey of Beas, Satluj and Yamuna river in Himachal Pradesh under National River Action Plan;

(b) since when the proposal for fund allocation for the above mentioned works are pending with the Union Government alongwith the number of such proposals; (

(c) the reasons for not sanctioning the funds so far; and

(d) the time by which funds would be allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (d)The `Alternate Hydro Energy Centre, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee` has been recently sponsored a study for prioritization of proposals for various states including Himachal Pradesh, for inclusion under National River Conservation Planin the X and XI Plan. Government of Himachal Pradesh has not sent any proposal for revival of Rivalsar Lake for consideration under the National Lake Conservation Plan.
Under the National River Conservation Plan, however, proposals received from Himachal Pradesh are as follows:-

(i) Proposal for Rs. 78.60 lakh for assessment of pollution load in river Satluj in Himachal Pradesh received in 1994.

(ii) Proposal for Rs. 78.41 crore for pollution abatement in 11 towns along river Beas received in 2000.
The proposal for river Satluj could not be undertaken as the water quality of the river stretch in Himachal Pradesh was within the prescribed standards. For river Beas, since this proposal was basically preliminary and did not contain adequate details and proper cost estimates, the Government of Himachal Pradesh was asked in May 2001 to prepare Detailed Project Reports with firm costs and following an integrated approach with 70:30 cost sharing between the Central and the State Government. No Detailed Project Reports have been received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh.